the government reaction, which rejected both advice and exhortation from third parties in respect of its responsibilities for the protection of the human and religious rights of the Muslims in India.

Recruitment of man-power by Middle East Companies

1009. SHRI N.E. BALARAM:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the demolition of Babri Masjid at Ayodhya on December 6, 1992, various ministries and private companies in Middle East have instructed the man-power recruiting agencies that hereafter 50 per cent of all selected candidates should be Muslims and the rest preferably non-Hindus; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Visit of British P.M. to India

1010. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the main points discussed with British Prime Minister during his visit to India in January 1993;

(b) whether the issues relating to Pakistan's support to terrorism in India and Foreign interference in India's intornal matters particularly on Ayodhya issue were also discussed with the visiting British Premier; and

(c) if so, what was the response of the visiting Prime Minister to these issues?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH: (a) The main issues discussed included all aspects of bilateral relations, developments in Europe, in the South-Asian region and the impact on the international situation after the end of the Cold War and related developments. The exchanges of views also covered bilateral and multilateral economic, commercial, scientific and technical cooperation.

(b) Our concerns regarding Pakistan's support to terrorism and militancy directed against India were conveyed to the British Prime Minister.

(c) The British Prime Minister stated that both India and Britain shared a fundamental abhorrence of terrorism. With reference to Kashmir, he called for, inter-alia, acessation of external support to the militants there.

Conference Organised by U.S. Institute Peace

1011. SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Indian participants who attended a conference organised by the US Institute of Peace in Washington in January, 1993, where it was agreed that an Independent Kashmir consisting of Indian Kashmir and Azad Kashmir be established;

(b) whether Government intends to send a delegation to a conference to be held soon in a country outside South Asia to consider the issue of an independent Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Government have seen reports that a conference on Kashmir was organised in Washington by the United States Institute of Peace from 11-14 January, 1993. Six Indians participated in the Conference in their individual capacity, namely, Muchkund Dubey, A.G Noorani, Lt. General (Retd.) A.M. Vohra, Abdul Rashid Kabuli, Bhabani Sen Gupta and B.G Verghese. There was no official Indian participation. We are informed that no agreed conclusions were reached.

(b) No. Sir.